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## Banks.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND, 1,200,000 Dollars.

#### COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—F. D. SARSON, Esq.  
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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

#### HONGKONG.

##### INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

##### LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

### ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

#### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " " 4 " " "  
" 12 " " 5 " " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

### CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £200,000.  
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

#### BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

#### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

##### ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

## For Sale.

### FOR SALE.

FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna. Brazil and Barcelona NUTS. LETT'S DIARIES for 1879. Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE CASES. CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS. American PARLOUR and COOKING STOVES. COAL SCUTTLES, new designs. FENDERS and FIRE IRONS. COCOA MATTING. TAPESTRY CARPET. DOOR MATS. California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS. WHITNEY BLANKETS. REP and other TABLE COVERS, Fancy Patterns. TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH TOWELS. LINEN SHEETING. PILLOW LINEN. GREEN and MARONE REP. FLANNEL SHIRTINGS. FANCY FLANNEL for Gents' Suits. NAVY BLUE SERGE. CLOTH TROWSER LENGTHS, Assorted Patterns. ALBUMS, in great variety. CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS. CHURCH'S CASH and DEED BOXES. VERNON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE MACHINES. COFFEE ROASTERS. TREMBLING CAIL BELLS. IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH. DESSERT, DINNER and BREAKFAST SERVICES. TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description. FOLDING CHAIRS. CIGARS, CIGARETTES. KELLY'S FAMOUS CUT TOBACCOES. HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every Description. OLIVET in Casks. MALT. HOPS. CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH. CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORIDE OF LIME, &c., &c., &c.

### LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

### CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS!! CHRISTMAS!!!

ROSE & Co. have received, ex Argyle, Fernia, and French and English Mails.

A WELL-SELECTED STOCK, comprising:—

LADIES' TRIMMED and UNTRIMMED FRENCH BONNETS and HATS. FRENCH FLOWERS & FEATHERS. FANCY TIES and SCARVES. PLAIN and FANCY LINEN and LACE SETS. NEW RIBBONS and LACES. SUNSHADES in all the Newest Patterns. FRENCH MANTLES and SHAWLS. DRESS MATERIALS in all the Leading Shades, with VELVETTES and TRIMMINGS to match. BLACK and COLOURED SILKS, New Shades. CHILDREN'S FANCY WOOL WRAPS, COSTUMES, and EMBROIDERED PE-LISSES, WOOL GAITERS, HOSIERY, &c.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S BOOTS and SHOES. GENTLEMEN'S SHIRTS, COLLARS, HOSIERY, SCARVES and TIES, HANDKERCHIEFS, TRAVELLING RUGS, &c.

BED and TABLE LINEN. TAPESTRY and CRETONNE HANGINGS, in all the New Shades and Designs. TABLE CLOTHS and COVERS, to match. EIDER DOWN QUILTS.

A Good SELECTION of MECHANICAL and other TOYS and GAMES, including ROCKING and VELOCIPEDE HORSES. CHILDREN'S FRENCH PERAMBULATORS. DOLLS' FRENCH PERAMBULATORS. TENNIS MARKERS and BALLS. The CLEOPATRA, BOULETTE, MAGIC FISH, &c., &c. BONBON and CRACKERS, in Great Variety.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS and NEW YEARS GIFTS for LADIES and GENTLEMEN, in the Latest Novelties and Inventions.

Hongkong, December 11, 1878. ja1

### SAM HING SUT LEE.

HAS JUST RECEIVED THE "GIFTS," AND HAS FOR SALE:—

NEW PATTERNS in CARPETS. WINDOW CURTAINS of all kinds. TABLE CLOTHS & TABLE NAPKINS. HATS in EVERY STYLE. DRESS BOOTS, and SHOES.

88 and 90, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, December 11, 1878. ja1

## For Sale.

### CHRISTMAS STORES

#### —AND—

#### PRESENTS.

PLUM PUDDINGS. CHRISTMAS CAKES. MINCEMEAT. SMYRNA FIGS. ELVAS PLUMS. CRYSTALLISED FRUITS. DRAGEES. French and English BONBONS. CHOCOLATE for DESSERT. ASSORTED COCAQUES. TELEPHONE CRACKERS. CONFERENCE CRACKERS. AQUARIUM CRACKERS. French and English TOYS. MECHANICAL TOYS. DOLLS, in latest Parisian Costumes. SWIMMING DOLLS. DOLLS' PORTMANTEAUX. DANCING and WALKING DOLLS. PUNCH and JUDY SHOW. ROCKING HORSES. MUSICAL BOXES. TEA and DINNER SETS. NOAH'S ARKS. WHEELBARROWS. GUNS and SWORDS. SPADES and FALLS. BARREL ORGANS. French ALBUMS. LADIES' DRESSING CASES. GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES. WORK BASKETS and BOXES. LADIES' COMPANIONS. PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES. CARD RECEIVERS. STATUETTES. Bohemian FLOWER VASES. Pharaoh WRITING CABINETS. SCENT CASES in Velvet and Crystal. RUSSIA POCKET BOOKS. MOROCCO CIGAR CASES. Electro-Plated SCISSORS in Cases. BIBLES. PAINT BOXES, Fitted. TOILET BOTTLES and VASES. ANEROIDS. CROCODILE SCENT CASES. CIGAR BOXES. WRITING DESKS. MEERSCHAUM PIPES. LATEST DESIGNS in Electro-Plated WARE. MARK TWAIN'S SCRAP BOOKS. PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS, &c., &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, November 29, 1878.

## Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH and CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS and BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, December 20, 1878. ja20

W. KERR TAYLOR, HOUSE AND SHIP PAINTER, DECORATOR.

GLASS EMBOSSED and GILDING.

No. 8, Lyndhurst Terrace, HONGKONG.

December 9, 1878. ja9

WONG CHIU, PHOTOGRAPHER.

No. 84, Queen's Road, HONGKONG.

(Opposite the P. & O. Co.)

CHINESE VIEWS FOR SALE AT MODERATE PRICE.

December 11, 1878. ja11

## NOTICE.

G. FALCONER & Co. beg to announce that, during DECEMBER and JANUARY Next, they will offer their Large and Magnificent Stock of JEWELLERY, WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVER and ELECTRO-PLATE, &c., &c., Considerably under the Usual Prices.

Shortly expected from England, an Elegant Assortment of SILVER CUPS, suitable for REGATTA or RACE MEETINGS.

Hongkong, November 28, 1878. fa1

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THE undermentioned BANKS will be Closed on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 25th and 26th Instant, and WEDNESDAY, the 1st January, 1879.

For the "Oriental Bank Corporation," D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

For the "Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China," H. H. NELSON, Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China," WILLIAM FORREST, Manager.

For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris," E. SCHWEBLIN, Actg. Agent.

For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation," T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the "National Bank of India, Ltd.," R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, December 23, 1878. ja1

## Intimations.

MOORE & Co., "VARIETY STORE," NEWS AGENTS and TOBACCONISTS.

No. 42, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

## DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS has Returned and is Now Ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS at No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD.

Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned have received instructions from Messrs BIRLEY & Co. to sell by Public Auction, by Order of the Mortgagees, on or about the 20th JANUARY, 1879, the 1st Class IRON SKEW STEAMSHIP

"AMERICA,"

of 563 Tons Net Register, Built in 1873 by Messrs J. and R. SWAN, of Dumbarton, and Engine by Messrs. T. and M. GREGG, of Glasgow, with Compound Vertical Direct-Acting Surface-Condensing Engines of 90 Horse-Power (nominal), working up to 450 H.P. effectual; Consumption of Coal (Cardiff), about 8 Tons; Speed, about 8 Knots; Capacity of Bunkers, 180 Tons; Diameter of Cylinders, 26 and 48 inches; Boiler Multitubular; Length 210 feet 8 in.; Breadth, extreme, 26 feet 7 in.; Depth of Hold, Tonnage Deck to Ceiling, 20 feet 9 in.; Spar Deck, Deck to Deck, 6 feet 7 in.; Draft, light, 9 feet; loaded, 17 feet; D. W. Capacity, including Bunkers, 1,100 Tons, or 16,500 Piculs exclusive of Bunkers; Class, Lloyd's 90 A1; Water Ballast; Tween Decks laid; 3 Steam Winches, and HARRIS'S Patent Windlass; Saloon amidships for 10 Cabin Passengers and Cabin aft for 8. Boilers retubed in Hongkong in June, and the Hull and Machinery now in first-class order.

Spare Engine Gear and Coal to be Sold SEPARATELY.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs. BIRLEY & Co., or the Auctioneers, where Inventory and Plan of the Vessel can be seen.

TERMS OF SALE.—Half Cash on fall of the hammer. The Balance on completion of Transfer, expenses of which are to be borne by the Purchaser. The Ship and Inventory, with all faults and errors of description, to be at the Purchaser's risk at fall of the hammer.

HUGHES & LEGGE, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, November 19, 1878. ja20

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received instructions from the Hon. J. M. PRICE, to sell by Public Auction, on

### MONDAY,

the 6th January, 1879, at 2 o'clock p.m., (owing to change of Residence), at his residence, West Hermitage, Caine Road,—

The Whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising: Drawing, Dining, Bed, and Library, Rooms' Furniture.

English-made Walnut Cretonne Covered Drawing-room Suite.

French-made Marble-top Side Table, Card Tables and Plate Glass Cabinets.

Gilt Framed Chimney Glass, Chromolithographs, Water Colors, Engravings, Marble Mantel-piece Clock, Italian Bronzes and Ornaments.

A Valuable Collection of Rare Minerals and Shells.

English-made Mahogany Extension Dining Table and Sideboard.

Dining-room Chairs, Whist-table, Dinner, Dessert, and Breakfast Sets, Glassware, Plated-ware and Table Linen.

Electric Observatory Clock and Thermometers.

Iron Bedstead, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, English-made Morocco Covered Couch, Mahogany Marble-top Washstand, Teak Writing Table, Glass Book Cases.

&c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Saturday, the 4th January.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 23, 1878. ja6

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

The Norwegian Steamer "HAKON ADELSTEN," Capt. BERG, will load here for the above Ports, and will leave this on FRIDAY, the 27th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to HOP KEE.

Hongkong, December 23, 1878. de27

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "SOMERSET," Capt. POCKLEY, will be despatched as above on the 28th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 17, 1878. de28

### AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports, TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Chartered Steamship "ZAMBOANGA," will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 28th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, December 17, 1878. de28

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "IRAOUADY," Commandant GAUVAT, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

L. HENNEQUIN, Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, December 19, 1878.

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "VOLGA," Commandant ROBERT, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.

L. HENNEQUIN, Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, December 19, 1878.

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR AMOY. The Steamship "ESMERALDA," Capt. CULLEN, shortly due, will have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, December 23, 1878.

### Sailing Vessels.

#### FOR LONDON.

The 3/3 L. 1. 1. Swedish Bark "ALMA," Captain O. OHLSSON, will be despatched as above on or before the 10th January, 1879.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, December 12, 1878.

#### FOR MELBOURNE & DUNEDIN (N.Z.)

The British Bark "HOTSPUR," Capt. SHAW, will have a quick despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight, apply to ROZARIO & Co.

Hongkong, November 11, 1878.

#### FOR HONOLULU.

The 1 American Bark "CRUSADER," Captain INGRAM, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, December 16, 1878. de30

#### FOR NEW YORK.

The 1 American Bark "S. R. BEARSE," Captain OAKES, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, December 16, 1878. de30

#### FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 1 British Ship "MIN-Y-DOH," Captain LESLIE, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

#### FOR NEW YORK.

The 1 British Bark "MONETA," Capt. BISSET, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878. de23

#### FOR NEW YORK.

The 1 American Bark "AMY TURNER," Captain NEWELL, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878. de26

#### FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 1 German Bark "MANILA II," GONNER, Master, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will load here for the above Port, and will be despatched on or about the 5th January.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, December 16, 1878.

#### FOR HAMBURG.

The 3/3 L. 1. 1. German Bark "CONDOR," STEFFENS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

#### FOR NEW YORK.

The American Ship "FLEETWING," GUNN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

#### FOR LONDON.

The 1 British Bark "MERCURY," D. THOMAS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.



## Intimations.

OFFICE OF THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in consequence of Messrs. OLYPHANT & Co. having suspended payment, the Board of Directors of the above Company, at a SPECIAL MEETING held at the Head Office TO-DAY, the 9th Instant, Appointed Mr. J. BRADLEE SMITH as General Agent, pro tem, by whom all Business of the said Company will be transacted.

To Confirm the Action of the Board of Directors with Reference to the Appointment of Mr. J. BRADLEE SMITH as General Agent of the Company, an Extraordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, on MONDAY, the 13th January, 1879, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, when an audited Statement of the Affairs of the Company will be submitted.

By Order of the Board,  
WM. REINERS, Chairman.  
Hongkong, December 9, 1878. ja13

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
J. BRADLEE SMITH, General Agent, pro tem.  
Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

HONGKONG &amp; CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 27th Inst. to the 3rd Proximo, both days inclusive.  
A. NEWTON, Manager.  
Hongkong, December 16, 1878. ja3

HONGKONG WHARF &amp; GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co., Proprietors.  
Hongkong, November 29, 1878. my29

REUTHERS have announced to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply E. E. F. MUTTON, & Co., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.  
SHOP—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.  
Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOAO JOAQUIM DOS REMEDIOS, Deceased.

IT is hereby notified that Probate of the last Will and Testament of JOAO JOAQUIM DOS REMEDIOS, Deceased, was Granted to the Undersigned on the 25th day of November, 1878.

(Signed) J. H. DOS REMEDIOS,  
" D. A. DOS REMEDIOS,  
" M. C. DOS REMEDIOS,  
" A. A. DOS REMEDIOS.  
Hongkong, December 14, 1878. ja14

AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER,  
by appointment to  
H. F. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, B. E. ADMIRAL ALFRED P. RYDER, and TO R. H. THE GRAND DUKES ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

UNDER the Management of D. K. GRIFFITH, recently of the Woodbury Co.  
Enlargements are now being made in PERMANENT PIONEER, Guaranteed to be indestructible by time or climate and at Prices very little more than were charged for the old perishable Silver Prints.

Amongst the Novelties is a quick-acting instrument for the production of Children's Portraits.

ALL STYLES OF PHOTOGRAPHY!  
Taken Daily at Moderate Charges.  
STUDIO, QUEEN'S ROAD,  
Nearly opposite The Hongkong Hotel,  
Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

NOTICE.

FOUNDRY AND DOCK, FOR SALE OR TO BE LET.

TENDERS will be Received until the 1st JANUARY, 1879, for the absolute PURCHASE or LEASE for One, Two or Three Years of all that VALUABLE PROPERTY known as the CHINA MERCHANTS' GREAT NAVIGATION COMPANY'S FOUNDRY, situated at Hongkong, Shanghai, in the Empire of China, comprising several Rows of GODOWNS and DWELLING HOUSES for the Staff, and several Rows of WORKSHOPS, with all TOOLS, &c., complete, and Covering an Area of about 24 acres. The Foundry commands a fine River Frontage of about 300 feet long, and is the most complete for the Building and Repairing of Ships in China.

Applicants are requested to state the Terms upon which they will take the above Property.

SIMILAR TENDERS will be Received until the 1st JANUARY, 1879, for the COMPANY'S DOCK, situated at Pootung, Shanghai, in the Empire of China, which Dock measures 330 feet by 78 feet, Dock Entrance 72 feet, River Frontage about 1,400 feet, and Covering an Area of about 4 English acres, with TWO DWELLING HOUSES, a BLACKSMITH SHOP and CARPENTERS' SHED attached.

In case of a Sale, one half of the Purchase Money can remain on mortgage of the Property assigned, and in the case of a Lease, substantial security must be given for the due fulfilment of the same by the Lessee. The Company does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender.  
For further Particulars, apply to  
CHINA MERCHANTS' STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
Hankow Road,  
SHANGHAI.  
December 8, 1878. ja2

## Intimations.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION of the SOCIETY will take place about the middle of FEBRUARY next.  
The Days of Exhibition will be advertised at an early date.

W. M. B. ARTHUR,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

SUBMARINE DIVING.

CAPTAIN W. CLARK has all the Necessary Appliances for SALVING OPERATIONS, and is prepared to undertake Contracts to work at Wrecks to the Depth of 20 Fathoms as to terms, &c., apply to  
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,  
Hongkong, December 9, 1878. ja9

NOTICE.  
FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR. EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.  
Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

CAUTION TO THE PUBLIC!

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE.

WHEREAS it has been known to the Proprietors of Dr. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE that a worthless imitation, bearing a similar name, is exported to India, China, &c., and endeavored to be foisted on purchasers as equal in efficacy to Dr. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE, they feel it due to the public to specially caution them against this compound and request their most careful attention to the following distinctive characteristics of Dr. BRIGHT'S (the only genuine) Phosphodyne.

1st.—That Dr. BRIGHT'S Phosphodyne is sold only in cases.  
2nd.—The words "Dr. BRIGHT'S Phosphodyne" are clearly blown in each bottle.  
3rd.—The Registered Trade Mark and Signature of Patentees are printed on the label of every case.  
4th.—Directions for use in all the following languages are enclosed in each case: English, French, German, Italian, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Danish, Turkish, Persian, Hindostani, Madras, Bengalee, Chinese, and Japanese.

Without which none can POSSIBLY be Genuine.

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE

Is the Only Reliable Remedy for NERVOUS AND LIVER COMPLAINTS AND ALL FUNCTIONAL DERANGEMENTS.  
DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE is patronized by the Aristocracy and the Elite, extensively used in the Army and Navy, and strongly recommended by the leading Medical Practitioners.

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE

Is sold by all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors throughout the Globe.  
In India, China, &c., DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE is generally sold at an advance on the English Price.  
The high Estimation in which Phosphodyne is held is unquestionably due to its administration in this form. Therefore

ASK FOR

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE

And do not be persuaded to take any Useless and Possibly Dangerous Imitation.

CAUTION TO MEDICINE VENDORS.

The Trade Mark, Label, &c., of DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE are duly entered at Stationers' Hall, London, and are also registered in the Chief Cities of the World.  
Chemists and Druggists are hereby warned that legal proceedings will be immediately instituted by the Authorized Agents against any person or persons selling fraudulent imitations of DR. BRIGHT'S (the only genuine) PHOSPHODYNE, from this date, 1st October, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

OCCIDENTAL &amp; ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by Steamship "GAELIC" are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence and/or from Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained, on counter-signature of Bills of Lading.  
Goods remaining unclaimed after the 31st instant will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, December 23, 1878. de30

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Glenyle having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 11 o'clock on Saturday, the 21st Instant.  
Cargo remaining undelivered after the 27th instant will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Hongkong, December 20, 1878. de27

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
L. HENNEQUIN, Agent.

T. H. Tan Sive, 4 pags. Metal, from Batavia.

Ex "Pa Ho"

N. M. K. (in diamond) 645 Imp. Aldridge V. S. C. Salmon & Co., from London, 2 cases Millinery.  
Hongkong, December 6, 1878.

## Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.  
MR. H. VERNON begs to announce that he will shortly take his FAREWELL BENEFIT.

On which occasion he will be assisted by the AMATEUR DRAMATIC CORPS, Who have kindly given their valuable services.

COMEDY AND OPERA FOR MR. H. VERNON'S FAREWELL BENEFIT.  
Particulars shortly.  
Hongkong, December 16, 1878.

For Sale.

NOTICE.

COKE AND TAR FOR SALE, IN QUANTITIES TO SUIT PURCHASERS. Apply at the GAS WORKS, West Point.  
A. NEWTON, Manager.  
Hongkong, November 5, 1878. ja1

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)  
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.  
CHINA MAIL Office.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—  
FONTEAINE, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.  
COMMISARY, British ship, Captain A. Morrison.—Meyer & Co.  
FANNY, French barque, Captain E. M. Goupy.—Landstein & Co.  
NABIEE, British barque, Capt. W. L. Bryar.—Messageries Maritimes.  
TALWAR, German barque, Captain C. Jensen.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.  
ANNIE S. HALL, American barque, Capt. O. H. Nelson.—Captain.  
S. R. BRADSHAW, American barque, Capt. A. E. Oakes.—Russell & Co.  
PHANTOM, British barque, Captain H. Schöel.—Wieler & Co.  
CINGALEE, British barque, Captain John Le Coultre.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
PRINCE ARTHUR, British barque, Capt. R. Wills.—Chinsee.  
KVIE, Norwegian barque, Captain Ole Larsen.—Meyer & Co.  
MAID OF JUDAH, British barque, Capt. Alfred W. Webb.—Rosario & Co.  
DAVINA, British barque, Captain Geo. Scott.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY &amp; FOOCOW.

The Steamship "DOUGLAS," Captain Young, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 27th Instant, at Daylight, instead of TO-MORROW.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAIK &amp; Co.

Hongkong, December 24, 1878. de27

FOR HOIHOW AND HAIPHONG.

The Steamship "THALES," Captain Pocock, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 28th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAIK &amp; Co.

Hongkong, December 24, 1878. de28

NOTICE.

TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOCK.

BEEF! BEEF!

Ship "Commissary."

24 Tons PRIME INDIA MESS BEEF, For Sale by private bargain on the above Ship. Prices Moderate.

Hongkong, December 24, 1878.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 24, Emerald, British steamer, 895, Cullen, Manila Dec. 21, General.—RUSSELL &amp; Co.

Dec. 24, Margus of Argyle, British barque, 500, W. McKee, Tourn Dec. 1, General.—ORDEN.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 24, Yotung, for Swatow.

24, Diamante, for Manila.

24, Glenyle, for Yokohama.

24, Patco, for Singapore, &amp;c.

24, Dartmouth, for Demerara.

24, Buu Coo, for Bangkok.

CLEARED.

Hansa, for Tootung.

Douglas, for Coast Ports.

Marco Polo, for Guam.

Don Quixote, for Manila.

Burmese, for Yokohama.

Stentor, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Emerald, from Manila, Messrs T. J. Reynolds, E. J. Workman, Don Carlos Ponce de Leon, 2 Europeans deck, and 100 Chinese.

## PASSENGERS.

DEPARTED.

Per Yotung, for Swatow, 208 Chinese.

Per Patco, for Singapore, 300 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Emerald reports: Left Manila on the 21st inst., had strong monsoon and high sea to Pratas Shoal; thence to port moderate monsoon and smooth sea.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For YOKOHAMA &amp; HIOGO.—

Per Burma, at 4.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 26th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, &amp; FOOCOW.—

Per Douglas, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 26th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—

Per Hakon Adelsin, at 1.30 p.m., on Friday, the 27th inst.

For SAIGON.—

Per Penedo, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the 27th inst.

For TAKOW, TAIWAN, AND YOKOHAMA.—

Per Egean, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday, the 27th inst.

For HOIHOW &amp; HAIPHONG, (with Mails for Pakhoi and Hanoi).—

Per Thales, at 6.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 28th inst.

For PORT DARWIN, SYDNEY, COOKTOWN, MELBOURNE, &amp;c.—

Per Zamboanga, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 28th inst., 12 cent rates.

For SAIGON.—

Per Olive, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the 3rd January.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet Peiho will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 28th Instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA by this Packet.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &amp;c.:—

Friday, 27th December.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Near Box, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 28th December.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter ceases.

11 a.m., Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until 11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.40 a.m., Letters may be posted on board the Packet with the late fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

Hongkong, December 13, 1878. de28

MAILS BY THE THAMES STRAITS PACKET.—

The Australian Contract Packet Somerset, will be despatched from Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 28th instant, with Mails for Singapore, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, Fiji, and Melbourne.

Correspondence cannot be Registered after 11.15 a.m.

The Mails will be closed at 11.30 a.m. Supplementary mail on board with 18 cents late fee till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Galle.

Hongkong, Dec. 19, 1878. de28

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

Local Banks close for Public Business.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, December 27:—

Daylight.—Douglas leaves for Coast Ports.

2 p.m.—Hakon Adelsin leaves for Singapore, &amp;c.

Transfer Books of the H. K. &amp; C. Co. Gas Co., Limited, closed from this date to 3rd Proximo, inclusive.

Goods per Glenyle undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, December 28:—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Noon.—Thales leaves for Hoihow, &amp;c.

Noon.—Somerset leaves for Singapore, &amp;c.

3 p.m.—Zamboanga leaves for Port Darwin, &amp;c.

TUESDAY, December 31:—

3 p.m.—Occidental &amp; Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

Goods per Gaelic undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SUNDAY, January 5:—

Manila II leaves for San Francisco on or about this date.

MONDAY, January 6:—

3 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, &amp;c., at the Room 4. Price's residence, Cause Road.

FRIDAY, January 10:—

Alma leaves for London on or before this date.

MONDAY, January 13:—

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Chinese Insurance Co., Limited, at the Head Office, Hongkong.

MONDAY, January 20:—

Sale of the Iron Screw Steamship America, by Messrs. Hughes &amp; Legge, 98 p. about this date.

## THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced at 8.26 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DEC. 24, 1878.

To-morrow is Christmas Day, and there will be no issue of this journal until Thursday, the 26th. In making this formal announcement it may not be out of place to express the wish that a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" may be enjoyed by all here and everywhere. We would include every one, friend and foe, in this seasonal wish, because for one day in the year the criticising quill is laid aside, and our modern Ishmaelites hand enjoys the luxury of metaphorically grasping in friendship those hands against which it is usually turned. It is to be feared that this Christmas season will come to many a heart laden with anxious forebodings and surrounded by anything but "merry" conditions; but it is a sad heart that never rejoices, and let us hope that this season of good cheer may be the more heartily availed of because of the greater necessity existing to brush away the cobwebs of care. A correspondent makes reference elsewhere to an apparent inconsistency in local arrangements of a charitable kind; and we draw the attention of those specially interested to a field of enterprise which has seemingly been much neglected hitherto.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H. M. S. Iron Duke arrived at Manila from Labuan on the 20th instant.

The British barque Melbrek arrived at Manila from Hongkong on the 20th instant.

H. M. S. Lapwing arrived at Manila from Sarawak, on the 18th instant.

The German barque Humboldt arrived at Manila from Hongkong on the 18th instant.

The Spanish brig San Lorenzo left Manila for Hongkong, via Puerto Princess, on the 16th instant.

We understand that a Challenge Cup, presented by Captain Deane, will be shot for by the Police on Saturday next.

The Opera Company left for Macao yesterday, where they performed last evening and intend giving two more performances.

We learn that there are no less than thirty-two nominations for the Hongkong Derby (1879), which looks well for the success of the coming Races.

We understand that H. E. the Governor congratulated the Police on their success in yesterday's races, and that he gave the Chinese crew of Cameronian \$25.

We have to correct a mistake in our report of the first race of the Regatta yesterday. For Coker read Hughes as the winner. We regret having picked up the wrong man.

A Government Gazette extraordinary was published to-day containing the remarks of His Excellency the Governor and Mr. Ryrie on the occasion of the passage of the vote of condolence in the Legislative Council held on Saturday last. We certainly live in enterprising times.

A DISTURBANCE occurred on board the British barque Dartmouth yesterday afternoon, amongst the coolie emigrants, and the assistance of the police had to be called.

Captain Deane (the Superintendent of Police), and later on H. E. the Governor, visited the vessel, but the disturbance was soon quelled, and it appears only arose out of some disagreement about the



## VICTORIA REGATTA.

## TWENTY-THIRD MEETING.

Patron:—His Excellency JOHN PEARCE, C.M.G.

Vice-Patrons:—His Excellency Major-General DONOVAN, and Commodore WARREN, R.N.

Stewards:—Hon. W. KESWICK, H. B. GIBB, Esq., H. HOPKINS, Esq., A. MOLLER, Esq., Colonel STUART, R.E., Colonel JAGO, 74th Highlanders, and G.B. EMMETT, Esq.

Committee:—T. JACKSON, Esq. (Chairman), H. E. WOODHOUSE, Esq., E. L. WOODIE, Esq., E. BEATT, Esq., W. BYRNE, Esq., DR. CLOUTH, E. GEORGE, Esq., W. VAN BORDEN, Esq., A. P. MORVEN, Esq., D. GILLIES, Esq., LIEUT. GREEN, 74th Highlanders, and DUDLEY C. TRAVERS, Esq. (Hon. Secretary).

Judge:—J. P. McEVEN, R.N.

Judge of Sailing Races:—Capt. R. H. CAIRNS.

Umpires and Starters:—Rowing, W. BYRNE, Esq. Yacht, E. BEATT, Esq. Open Sailing Boats, E. BURNIE, Esq.

## SECOND DAY.

TUESDAY, 24TH DECEMBER, 1878.

The weather to-day was warmer, and the water was perfect for rowing, but the wind was scarcely so steady for the sailing races as that of yesterday, though it freshened latterly into a fair breeze. There was a fair attendance on board the Flagship, though the ladies did not grace the sports in as great numbers as on the Ladies' Purse day. His Excellency and party visited the Flagship several times, and appeared to take great interest in the proceedings. The time was kept better to-day than on the previous day, the first race starting at 1 past 1; and the Iron Duke, which did not take place owing to the non-arrival of the Flagship, was substituted by a punt race—a very amusing item in the programme.

Bunting appears to be scarce amongst the shipping at present, as hardly a vessel in harbour showed a rag on the occasion. It may be that the Regatta spirit has left the port, and judging by the appearance of things it will require some recommitment. So far as rowing was concerned, this year's Regatta has been a most signal failure—especially as regards sailing; and the main interest at this meeting has been the sailing-boat and yacht racing. One of the finest and most exciting events of this or any year was the finish of the race for the larger yachts, when the old Naiaid snatched the prize from her faster rival by three short seconds, after the cup seemed to have been almost safe. This was the redeeming point of interest in the Regatta of 1878.

Mrs. Hennessy, at the close of the day's aquatic proceedings, presented the prizes to the fortunate winners; after which three cheers were given for Mrs. Hennessy, the Governor, the Ladies, the Chairman of the Committee, and the Secretary. Shortly after the Ariel passed the winning post, the Fame came alongside, and the Regatta came to an end.

FIRST RACE.—1 P.M.—For Gigs pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of Second Race on first day and Outrigger Boats excluded.

Station No. 1.—Royal Artillery, Gunner, Blue.  
Station No. 2.—Royal Artillery, Swallow, Blue with Red Star.  
Station No. 3.—74th Highlanders, The Beat, White and Blue.  
Station No. 4.—Police, Cameronian, Red Pennant with Blue Cross.

Only two boats came forward, Gunner and The Beat; Cameronian as winner of the second race yesterday was excluded. The boats got away well together and neither gained much advantage for the first couple of hundred yards. The Beat showed to the front first, being pulled by a short jerky stroke at the rate of 45 strokes per minute. Gunner's crew adopted a longer and sweeping stroke, about 34 per minute, and maintained it throughout the race. The wisdom of this policy soon became evident as the Highlanders soon showed signs of fatigue, and towards the close of the race were pulling feebly at the rate of 20 strokes per minute. The Gunner passed the Judge's launch easily 11 seconds ahead of her opponent, her crew looking quite fresh.

Gunner, 1  
The Beat, 2  
Time 8 min. 44 secs.

SECOND RACE.—1.30 P.M.—For House Boats. Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of Sixth Race on first day excluded. Time for Oars, 6 seconds per Oar.

Station No. 1.—Commodore Watson's 1st Whaler.  
Station No. 2.—Commissariat Boat, Blue and White, Blue and White Cross.  
Station No. 3.—Police Boat, The Beat, White and Blue.  
Station No. 4.—Police Boat, Cameronian, Red Pennant with Blue Cross.

As in the first race Cameronian as winner of the sixth race yesterday was excluded; the other three came out. The Commodore's 1st Whaler had 8 oars, and consequently had to give a time allowance of 2

seconds, the other having only 6. The boats got away in good order and for the first few yards kept well in line. The Commodore's boat showed the way, closely followed by Commissariat. The latter pulled exceedingly well looked very much like passing the leader, but towards the close the Commodore put on a spurt and passed the winning mark first, but only 10 seconds ahead of Commissariat, so that the latter was, according to the regulation allowance, the winner.

Commissariat (8m. 37s.) 1  
Commodore (8m. 27s.) 2

THIRD RACE.—2 P.M.—"Members' Cup"—presented by Members of the Victoria Recreation Club—for Four-Oared Canton Outrigger. Distance One-mile-and-a-half. Entrance \$10. Winner of "The Chairman's Cup" excluded.

Station No. 1.—Magenta and Black.  
Bow, Mr. M. Falconer, 10st. 8lb.  
No. 2, Mr. A. C. Reddie, 10st. 7lb.  
No. 3, Mr. L. B. Friend, 11st. 10lb.  
Stroke, Mr. E. L. Woodin, 12st. 7lb.  
Cox, Chinaman, 9st. 0lb.

Station No. 2.—Blue and White.  
Bow, Mr. J. H. Townsend, 9st. 8lb.  
No. 2, Mr. E. Ginger, 11st. 10lb.  
No. 3, Mr. F. G. Davidson, 11st. 10lb.  
Stroke, Lieut. Coker, 12st. 10lb.  
Cox, Mr. A. J. Lewis, 8st. 0lb.

Station No. 3.—  
Bow, Mr. E. Traill, 9st. 12lb.  
No. 2, Mr. A. D. Uloth, 9st. 8lb.  
No. 3, Mr. W. Murphy, 12st. 7lb.  
Stroke, Mr. P. Oswald, 12st. 12lb.  
Cox, Mr. W. Browne, 8st. 6lb.

This was the winner of the Chairman's Cup was excluded. Neva had outside place, and with both wind and tide in their favor had a decided advantage. Her coxswain was quite alive to this fact and kept well outside. That Oswald's crew pulled well there could be no two opinions, and had both boats been favored with the same advantages as regards tide Woodin's crew would have probably had to record a defeat, as it was they had all their work out. From the Starter's launch it at first appeared that Neva was being steered too far out, but it was soon apparent that the coxswain knew what he was about. Woodin was pulling 35 strokes and Oswald 38. Neva won a really tight race by a good two lengths.

Neva, 1  
Time 11 min. 10 secs.

FOURTH RACE.—2.30 P.M.—For Men-of-War Cutters. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; second, \$5. No time allowed for Oars.

Station No. 1.—H.M.S. Victor Emanuel's 2nd Cutter.  
Station No. 2.—H.M.S. Mosquito's Cutter, Red and Black.  
Station No. 3.—H.M.S. Magpie's Cutter, Red and Black.  
Station No. 4.—H.M.S. Vigilant's 2nd Whaler.

Kestrel's cutter came forward as a post entry but Vigilant's whaler did not come out. A good start was effected. Victor Emanuel's 2nd cutter was manned by Chinese and the others all by Europeans; Magpie's boat carrying 14 oars, whilst the others had only 12 each. Victor Emanuel and Magpie pushed to the front in company, the latter looking like the winner for some time, but her crew pulled much too short a stroke, apparently depending more on the muscular strength of their arms than trusting to clean rowing. The Celestials, on the other hand, bent to their oars and soon gained a decided advantage, winning a very tight race by a second.

Victor Emanuel, 1  
Magpie, 2  
Mosquito, 3  
Time, 10 min. 43 secs.

FIFTH RACE.—3 P.M.—Senior Soules. Cup presented by the Paresse Community. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$5. Winner of the "Ladies' Purse" excluded.

Station No. 1.—Mr. E. L. Woodin, Eva, Magenta and Black.  
Station No. 2.—Lieut. Coker, Nemesia, Blue and White.  
Station No. 3.—Mr. D. C. Travers, Lady Goughly, White and Red.

Woodin as winner of the Ladies' purse was excluded. Hughes came forward as a post entry in Eangoon, and Travers pulled Eva, as his Lady Goughly was not seaworthy owing to the accident to her stretch-rod yesterday. Hughes fell behind from the first and was hopelessly out of the race at the half mile.—Travers winning easily with any time to spare.

Eva, 1  
Time, 11 min. 7 secs.

SIXTH RACE.—4 P.M.—"American Cup," open to all Members and Honorary Members of the Victoria Recreation Club, to be rowed in Canton Four. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$10.

Station No. 1.—Neva, Magenta and Black.  
Bow, Mr. L. B. Friend, 11st. 10lb.  
No. 2, Mr. E. Traill, 9st. 12lb.  
No. 3, Mr. M. Falconer, 10st. 8lb.  
Stroke, Mr. E. L. Woodin, 12st. 7lb.  
Cox, Chinaman, 9st. 0lb.

Station No. 2.—Thistle, White.  
Bow, Mr. J. H. Townsend, 9st. 8lb.  
No. 2, Mr. A. C. Reddie, 10st. 7lb.  
No. 3, Mr. T. G. Davidson, 11st. 10lb.  
Stroke, Mr. P. Oswald, 12st. 12lb.  
Cox, Mr. A. J. Lewis, 8st. 0lb.

Station No. 3.—Victoria, Three Stars and several Stripes.  
Bow, Mr. D. C. Travers, 11st. 8lb.  
No. 2, Mr. E. Ginger, 11st. 10lb.  
No. 3, Mr. W. Murphy, 12st. 7lb.  
Stroke, Lieut. Coker, 12st. 10lb.  
Cox, Mr. W. Dunman, 9st. 7lb.

All three boats came to the front. Victoria got away with the lead, pulling splendidly, in fact it looked much too good to last, but her crew stuck to their oars manfully, nevertheless pulling with but slight variations 35 strokes to the minute. Neva was kept well in hand, and towards the close of the race her crew put on a spurt and evidently meant business, but the leader's crew were as fresh as ever and maintained their advantage, winning a very pretty race by about one length. Thistle was hopelessly behind.

Victoria, 1  
Neva, 2  
Time, 8 min. 41 secs.

SEVENTH RACE.—For Men of War's punts. Distance half a mile. First prize, \$5; Second, \$5.

This was what might be termed the funny event of the day: Four punts came to the start; three being manned by Europeans splendidly got up as "Christies" and the fourth manned by Chinese dressed as usual in their heathenish attire. The European "Jacks" strongly objected to the Victor Emanuel's celestial crew being allowed to pull, and positively refused to go unless the Victors were disqualified; one of the crews expressed their entire disapprobation with the whole affair by cutting away their mast which went by the board. Their objection was a very reasonable one, as the Victor Emanuel's boat undoubtedly a sampan, showed a good broad beam and was withal a very comfortable boat whilst the others would have been positively unsafe for any but the most practiced paddlers. The starter was somewhat of our opinion, as ultimately he decided to divide the prize, which was originally intended to be \$10 for the first boat, into two. The result showed that the judgment of the "Jacks" was correct, the Victor Emanuel walking away from her opponents easily. It was fortunate for her crew that she did so, as the others "made" for her and evidently meant mischief.

Victor Emanuel, 1  
Vigilant, 2  
Time not taken.

EIGHTH RACE.—For all open Boats, Chinese excluded. Entrance \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10.

Station No. 1.—H.M.S. Victor Emanuel's 2nd Whaler.  
Station No. 2.—H.M.S. Mosquito's Cutter, Red and Black.  
Station No. 3.—H.M.S. Magpie's Boat.  
Station No. 4.—Fleetwing's Boat, American Ensign.

Station No. 5.—Daphne (Daily Press Boat), White and Blue Maltese Cross.  
Station No. 6.—Sailor's Home No. 1, Red with S. H. in White.  
Station No. 7.—Sailor's Home No. 2, Blue, White Ball.  
Station No. 8.—Goolah, White with Red Cross.  
Station No. 9.—Spartan, Red and Blue with White Star.  
Station No. 10.—Harbour Master's, Red and White.  
Station No. 11.—Blackhead's, White with Blue Cross.

The start was effected at 1.25 p.m. sharp; Daphne going off with the lead at once, pursued by the others in following order: Sailor's Home (No. 1), Fleetwing, Blackhead's, Victor Emanuel, Goolah, Spartan, Sailor's Home (No. 2), whilst the Harbour Master's brought up the rear. Daphne kept the lead from start to finish. Fortune appeared to have determined to favour her from the first, as despite the absence of any appearance of wind, she crept ahead fully forty yards at the beginning of the race, whilst the others remained in a cluster as if at anchor. They gradually spread however, and tailed off in the order above mentioned. Approaching Green Island a steady breeze sprang up from the Northward, which gradually freshened to a good sailing breeze, lasting for some time. Rounding the first mark-boat Daphne was leading by over 300 yards and going splendidly; and this advantage she gradually increased winning easily with 9 minutes to spare.—Sailor's Home (No. 1) securing the second place. One accident happened during the sprint round; one of the boats capsize, but fortunately no lives were lost, as Spartan very properly stopped and picked their damped opponents up. Spartan we understand subsequently entered a protest on the result, owing to the stoppage, but the rules of the race would not permit of this objection, as she was far from being either the first or second boat and could hardly, barring mishaps, have gained a place as the result has shown. The Daphne led by over 5 minutes passing the second mark boat.

Daphne (5h. 52m. 33s.) 1  
Sailor's Home (4h. 01m. 57s.) 2  
Goolah (4h. 04m. 28s.) 3  
Victor Emanuel (4h. 51m. 22s.) 4

NINTH RACE.—For Yachts over 20 tons. Entrance \$5. Time allowed for Tonnage, 15 seconds per Ton. Cap presented by the Victoria Recreation Club.

Station No. 1.—Mr. Ray's Schooner Loiterer, 37 tons, Blue and White Barges, Red Star.  
Station No. 2.—Mr. W. H. Forbes's Cutter Naomi, 80 tons, Blue and White Triangles.  
Station No. 3.—Mr. McLeod's Cutter Naiaid, 29 tons, Red, White, Red, Blue Cross.  
Station No. 4.—Mr. W. H. Forbes's Cutter Wave, 21 tons, Blue, White Flag.

The yachts were favoured with the most unexpectedly good weather for sailing. At 12 o'clock to-day the harbour was very similar to a mill-pond, but hardly had the yachts got under way when a fine breeze sprang up, fresh enough to satisfy the most ardent of the small fry at all events. Some delay was occasioned at the start through the boats not being in their places, owing to a lack of breeze and, perhaps, a little lack of energy on the part of their chief mates. The start was effected at 1.40 p.m. exactly. Naomi and Naiaid got a capital start together, Wave and Loiterer, seeming for some time as if they were anchored. Green Island mark was passed on the first round, in the following order:—

Naomi, 2 7 55  
Naiaid, 2 8 30  
Wave, 2 11 30  
Loiterer, 2 16 —

Stone-cutter's Island mark was passed:—  
Naomi, 2 33 —  
Naiaid, 2 35 —  
Wave, 2 38 —  
Loiterer, 2 48 30

The Flag-ship mark was passed:—  
Naomi, 2 48 30  
Naiaid, 2 56 40  
Wave, 3 — 15

The Loiterer was by this time almost out of the race; she passed the mark at 3 h. 20 m. 30 secs., and shortly afterwards hauled down her racing flag.

The Regatta-Bay mark was passed as follows:—  
Naomi, 3 15 30  
Naiaid, 3 19 35  
Wave, 3 24 25

The Flag-ship mark, completing first round, was passed:—  
Naomi, 3 28 50  
Naiaid, 3 35 —  
Wave, 3 38 30

Green Island mark was passed, on the second round:—  
Naomi, 3 56 30  
Naiaid, 4 0 50  
Wave, 4 6 55

The Stone-cutter's Island mark was passed:—  
Naomi, 4 18 45  
Naiaid, 4 25 85  
Wave, 4 31 85

The Flag-ship mark was passed the third time:—  
Naomi, 4 44 0  
Naiaid, 4 49 0  
Wave, 5 0 20

The Regatta Bay mark was passed:—  
Naomi, 5 11 20  
Naiaid, 5 13 —  
Wave, 5 20 —

The race so far had been a pretty close one between Naomi and Naiaid, although the four or five minutes Naomi had to spare on passing the flag-ship the third time made her look like the winning vessel.

Thanks, however, to a lucky blast of wind, Naiaid in the neighbourhood of the Regatta Bay mark began to creep up to her rival, and after leaving the mark a splendid race ensued between the two vessels. Probably no event during the day created greater excitement than the yacht race at this stage. Naiaid continued to improve her position, although but slightly, but, as the result proved, sufficient for her purpose, with her time allowance of 15 seconds, the winning mark being passed as follows:—

Naomi (5h. 25m.) 1  
Naiaid (5h. 25m. 12s.) 2  
Wave (5h. 31m. 5s.) 3

Naiaid thus winning the race by three seconds. The race was concluded in capital time, just as it began to grow dark.

YACHT RACE.—For Yachts not exceeding 12 Tons. Entrance \$3. Time allowed for Tonnage, 15 seconds per Ton. Prize presented by the Hongkong Yacht Club.

Station No. 5.—Mr. Dickie's Cutter Ariel, 11 tons, Blue, White Anchor.  
Station No. 6.—Mr. Beatt's Sloop Ada, 11 tons, White, Red Maltese Cross, Blue Border.

Station No. 7.—Mr. Bremner's Sloop John Gilpin, 5 tons, Red.

The smaller yachts were got away earlier than the larger craft, the start being effected at 18 minutes past one. Ariel took the lead, followed by John Gilpin, Mr. Beatt's boat being third. Before, however, the Green Island mark was reached, Ada had picked up and passed the other boat of the same rig as herself. Ariel had in the meantime gone ahead in a way that made matters look almost hopeless for her rivals. The Green Island mark was passed in the following order:—

Ariel, 1 48 30  
Ada, 2 6 —  
John Gilpin, 2 7 —

The Stone-cutter's Island mark was passed:—  
Ariel, 2 27 5  
Ada, 2 39 50  
John Gilpin, 2 43 10

The John Gilpin here began to pick up on the "Ada," the flag-ship mark being passed as follows:—  
Ariel, 2 47 10  
Ada, 2 56 5  
John Gilpin, 3 5 45

Regatta Bay was passed:—  
Ariel, 3 20 50  
Ada, 3 24 20  
John Gilpin, 3 37 30

The flag-ship, completing the first round was passed:—  
Ariel, 3 37 —  
Ada, 3 48 10  
John Gilpin, 3 49 25

The Green Island mark, in the second round, was passed:—  
Ariel, 4 8 45  
Ada, 4 20 30  
John Gilpin, 4 32 30

The Stone-cutter's Island mark was passed:—  
Ariel, 4 37 —  
Ada, 4 54 40  
John Gilpin, 5 7 —

The flag-ship was passed, in the third round, as follows:—  
Ariel, 5 10 45  
Ada, 5 23 60  
John Gilpin, 5 40 40

The John Gilpin was at this stage practically out of the race, and gave up the competition, leaving the race to Ariel and Ada. The Regatta Bay mark was passed:—  
Ariel, 5 27 —  
Ada, 5 37 —

The winning mark was passed as follows:—  
Ariel, 5 38 5  
Ada, 5 47 —

ON THE LANDING.  
AN IDYL OF THE BALUSTERS.

BONNY, *et al* 34. JOHNNY, *et al* 43.

"Do you know why they've put us in that back room, and make believe our nursery's a cloak room? Do you know why?"

JOHNNY.  
"No more I don't, nor why that Sammy's mother."

What Ma thinks horrid, 'cause he-bunged my eye.

Eats an ice cream down there, like any other—No more don't I."

JOHNNY.  
"Do you know why nurse says it isn't manners?"

For you and me to ask folks twice for pie. And no one hits that man with two bananas? Do you know why?"

JOHNNY.  
"No more I don't, nor why that girl, whose dress is Off her shoulders, don't catch cold and die, When you and me gets cold when we undresses!"

JOHNNY.  
"No more don't I!"

JOHNNY.  
"Perhaps she ain't as good as you and I is, And God don't want her up there in the sky, And lets her live—to come in just when pie is—"

JOHNNY.  
"Perhaps that's why."

JOHNNY.  
"Do you know why that man that's got a crooked head Rubbed it just now as if he felt a fly? Could it be, Bobby, something that I dropped?"

JOHNNY.  
"And is that why?"

JOHNNY.  
"Good boys behave, and so they don't get scolded, Nor drop hot milk on folks as they pass by."

JOHNNY [piously].  
"Marbles would bounce on Mr. Jones's bald head—"

JOHNNY.  
"But I shan't try!"

JOHNNY.  
"Do you know why Aunt Jane is always so snarling At you and me because we tells a lie, And she don't sleep that man that called her darling?"

JOHNNY.  
"Do you know why?"

JOHNNY.  
"No more I don't, nor why that man with Mamma Just kissed her hand."

JOHNNY.  
"She hurt it—and that's why; He made it well, the very way that Mamma Does do to I."

JOHNNY.  
"I feel so sleepy. Was that Papa kissed us?"

JOHNNY.  
"What made him sigh, and look up to the sky?"

JOHNNY.  
"We wren't down stairs, and he and God had missed us, And that was why!"

—Bret Harte.

THE WING LOK STREET RAID.  
(Daily News, 6th Nov.)

The Hongkong pirates do not seem to have come under the suspicion of being foreign emissaries. It is fair to admit that they are men who know their own business, and who have justly estimated the character of their neighbours. Though the Hongkong

villains are sea robbers, and seem to have their home on the waters, they made their great coup on land. Cheung Shing's jewelry shop, in Wing Lok street, not very far from the wharves, was the scene of the semi-nautical burglary. The pirates landed in force—at least we suppose they landed, as they fled by water—and they beset Cheung Shing's shop in front and rear. A

forlorn hope of desperate characters climbed in by the first floor window, and found an inquisitive coolie walking about the premises. To pin that coolie to the wall, and threaten to stab him if he stirred or spoke, was with the pirate chief the work of a moment. In this position the coolie rather sensibly held his tongue. Everything has two hands, says Epictetus, one by which it will bear being lifted, and another by which it cannot well be grasped. The robbery had a handle that could not be grasped—that of yelling out and revealing the whole conspiracy. It had another aspect, it could be looked at as a valuable and interesting experience, and so the coolie quietly looked on. He saw a number of boxes broken open, and he saw the pirates possess themselves of box or coffer. "Rupees, perhaps," said the excited chief, as he prepared to prise the coffer open. "Gold, I hope," muttered one of the confederates, but the contents of the coffer were really pills, Chinese pills. An eligible opportunity for advertisement here presented itself, but the Hongkong Daily News neglected so highly, and doubtless justly, valued by Cheung Shing, who seems to have intended to export a sample to his exiled countryman in San Francisco.

While the pirates were wasting their time and energy on the pill-box, the people in the upper stories took the alarm and looked out of the windows. Whereupon the pirates outside shouted "Fire!" "Don't stir!"

"Here comes the fire escape." The inhabitants accordingly remained where they were, and the robbers busied themselves with an iron safe in which they justly believed that Cheung Shing kept his wealth. By this time, however, District Watchman

number 20 had arrived at the conclusion that all was not as it should be, on which he blew his whistle, and was shot down and speared. The noise of the alarm spread through Hongkong, and the neighbours of Cheung Shing, though they did not descend into the streets, began to fire briskly on the pirates. The police now came up with loaded rifles and fired bayonets, and the pirates executed a masterly retreat to a steamer in harbour, which they had stolen for the occasion. It is the fact that they had no vessel of their own, but that they boarded one, and made one of the crew work it, which raises a suspicion as to whether they were really pirates at all. Their measures at all events were as well concerted with the police, as were a running fight with the police, speared some members of the force, and carried off their wounded, if wounded they had, which is doubted. By way of insulting farewell, the pirates threw a volley of stinkpots at the constables, leaving nothing of their own but some spare twenty feet long, damped in the steamer Kato. The harbour was searched in vain, and the desperadoes got clear off, and landed their involuntary confederate, the Chinaman in charge of the steam launch Kato, at Chiwan Bay. It is extraordinary that in a raid so important the robbers should not have lost one prisoner, for the man in custody seems to have been arrested only on suspicion. Perhaps the forethought of the pirates, who carefully extinguished the gas in Wing Lok street and the neighbouring lanes may have been rewarded by this impunity. Happily the booty carried off was scarcely enough to repay the expense and trouble of Chinamen who "go on striking" in the midst of a modern town. They have been more successful, however, have been in a state of siege till the alarm died away. It seems that our modern sense of security lends opportunity to ingenuously daring villains. A revival of piracy in this epoch of revivals is not impossible.

## Quotations.

HONGKONG, December 24, 1878.

OPUM.—New Patna, cash, \$560 credit, —  
" Old Patna, cash, — credit, —  
" New Benares, cash, 580 credit, —  
" Old Benares, cash, — credit, —  
" New Malwa, cash, 720 credit, —  
" Allowance Taels, 32 credit, —  
" Old Malwa, cash, 780 credit, —  
" Allowance Taels, 32 credit, —

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Bombay, demand Rupees, ... 221  
Calcutta, ... 724  
Shanghai, demand, ... 738  
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Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ... 109  
Sycee, ... 109  
Mexicans, ... 2 1/2  
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H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$380  
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## TO BE LET.

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For Particulars, apply to Messrs LINDSEY & Co.  
Hongkong, December 10, 1878. de26

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In a Central Locality.  
HOUSE of 4-6 ROOMS.  
Apply to.  
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IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situate on Praya East—

No. 2, The FIRST FLOOR, with immediate possession.

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SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Corridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at Wanchai. These may be had in Apartments of Two or Three Rooms to suit convenience. Fine spacious Verandah looking on the Harbour. Immediate Possession.

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Surveyor to Local Insurance Offices and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Club Chambers,  
Hongkong, December 21, 1878. fe1

## NOTICE.

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The Interest and Good will of his Business has been transferred to Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

E. VINCENT.  
Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. have This Day Established a BRANCH of their Firm at Swatow, and have authorized Mr G. D. PIRMAN to Sign per Procuration.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

## NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself as GENERAL and SHARE BROKER.

CARL DENKER.  
Office, Bank Buildings,  
Hongkong, December 8, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 華字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po), CHASED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr LAONG YOK CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM,  
Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail,  
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For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

L. HENNEQUIN,  
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, December 14, 1878. de28

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Hongkong, December 8, 1878. de31

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J. BRADLEE SMITH,  
General Agent,  
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Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

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Agents, Royal Insurance Company,  
Hongkong, October 27, 1878.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *A*, near the Kowloon shore *K*, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *C*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.  
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.  
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.  
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.  
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Section.  
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.  
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.  
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.  
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Agave	k 4	Stewart	Brit. str.	843	Dec. 13	Linstead & Co.	Takow & Yokohama	27th inst.
Argyll	5	Scott	Brit. str.	1271	Dec. 22	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Yokohama & Hlogo	26th inst.
Bombay	1 h		Brit. str.	749	Feb. 12	K'wok Acheong	Shanghai	K'loon Dock
Burmese	5	Luck	Brit. str.	1268	Dec. 22	Melchers & Co.	Saloon	3rd prox.
Obinkiang	5		Brit. str.	799	Dec. 21	Stiemensen & Co.	Bangkok	Sandra' Sili
Olivo	2 h	Prose	Brit. str.	810	Dec. 8	Ah Yon	Manila	To-day
Dale	5	Thompson	Brit. str.	654	Dec. 17	Fuen Fat Hong	Coast Ports	at daylight
Diamante	5	Thibaud	Brit. str.	519	Dec. 22	Russell & Co.	Amoy	Tug Flying
Douglas	5	Young	Brit. str.	864	Dec. 22	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Ythama & S. Fisco	31st inst.
Esmeralda	5	Gullen	Brit. str.	395	Dec. 24	Russell & Co.	Yokohama & Hlogo	To-day
Fama	5	Stapani	Brit. str.	117	Dec. 21	B. K. & W'poo Dook Co.	Saporo and Penang	27th inst.
Gaelic	3 h	Kidley	Brit. str.	1712	Dec. 20	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Yokohama	Mail
Glengyle	5	Quarley	Brit. str.	1285	Dec. 20	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Yokohama & Hlogo	To-day
Hakon Adelen	5	Bergh	Norw. str.	1004	Nov. 28	Hop Kee	Saporo and Penang	27th inst.
Malacca	5	Smith	Brit. str.	1846	Dec. 18	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	Mail
Norna	3 h		Brit. str.	406	June 28	K'wok Acheong	Saloon	28th inst.
Olympia	2 h	Maced	Ger. str.	783	Dec. 26	Stiemensen & Co.	London, &c.	To-day
Patroclus	5	White	Brit. str.	1650	Dec. 20	Butterfield & Swire	Saloon	27th inst.
Penedo	5	Oain	Brit. str.	652	Dec. 19	Melchers & Co.		
Peru	5	McKibbin	Belg. str.	2287	Dec. 17	Order		
Sea Gull	1	Roberts	Amer. str.	48	July 18	W. H. Ray	Australian Ports	26th, noon
Somerset	5	Pockley	Brit. str.	1100	Dec. 11	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Shanghai	at daylight
Stenor	5	Kirkpatrick	Brit. str.	1304	Dec. 22	Butterfield & Swire		
Thales	5	Poonok	Brit. str.	825	Dec. 17	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Australian Ports	26th, 3 p.m.
Zambonga	4	Aranguren	Span. str.	615	Dec. 12	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.		